

a2 4. (Amended) The method according to Claim 3, further comprising administering (C) at least one proteolytic enzyme selected from the group consisting of papain, trypsin, chymotrypsin, pepsin, bromelain, ficin and pancreatin.--

Please add new claims 7 and 8 as follows:

--7. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said plant extract is present in the amount of 0.00001 to 50 wt%.

8. (New) A method of inhibiting hair growth comprising administering to a surface of skin in need thereof an effective amount of (B) an elastase inhibitor or neutral endopeptidase inhibitor; and (C) at least one proteolytic enzyme selected from the group consisting of papain, trypsin, chymotrypsin, pepsin, bromelain, ficin and pancreatin.--

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Support for the amendment to claim 1 is found on page 3, line 4, page 4, lines 7 and 13-16 of the specification. Support for claim 7 is found on page 5, lines 16-18 of the specification. Support for claim 8 is found in claims 5 and 6 as originally presented and on page 26, lines 22-25 of the specification. No new matter would be added to this application by entry of this amendment.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 3-4, 7 and 8 will now be active in this application.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

The present invention is directed to a method of inhibiting hair growth by administering a plant extract of rye malt, oat malt or a mixture thereof and a method of